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The Party and Government attach great importance to irrigation. This year's capital investment in water projects will be 1.5 times more than in the previous year, amounting to 337 million rubles. This will be spent for the construction of several irrigation projects. Expansion of the Fergana canal in the Fergana valley has been completed. Kokand water reservoir construction has started. Construction of another is in progress at Kara-Derya. Construction of a water reservoir is also under way at the Chirchir and Ahengeran rivers region. The reservoir near the Zarekshen River has been completed.

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### Great Ferghana Canal Being Deepened

THE reconstruction of the Great Ferghana Canal, in Uzbekistan, has been started. This 270-kilometre-long canal was built in 1939, and its waters have already irrigated hundreds of thousands of hectares of cotton plantations in the Ferghana Valley.

claimed in the canal zone and so it has been decided to deepen and broaden the canal. Over 100 excavators, bulldozers and other machines are on the job.

As a result of the reconstruction about 40,000 additional hectares of land will be irrigated this year.

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SEVERAL PONTOON PUMPING STATIONS ARE BEING BUILT ON THE SHORES OF THE TADZHIK SEA, NEAR CHKALOVSK. THEY WILL SUPPLY WATER TO THE LARGE FERGANA CANAL AND WILL IRRIGATE 16,000 HECTARES OF LAND AND IMPROVE THE IRRIGATION OF MORE THAN 20,000 HECTARES OF COTTON PLANTATIONS IN NORTHERN TADZHIKISTAN. (MOSCOW, HOME, JUNE 12, 1957, 1300 GMT--E)